



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **San Diego Police Department**

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### **POLICE ARREST FATHER IN DEATH OF 4 MONTH-OLD**

On February 17, 2010, at 7:42 p.m., officers and paramedics were dispatched to a residence located in the military housing of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on the report of a non-breathing infant. Upon arrival of the emergency personnel, they found the infant's father performing CPR. Paramedics continued with life saving efforts and transported the infant to Children's Hospital, where he died the following morning.

During the preliminary investigation, doctors reported the infant had unexplained injuries. The infant had been in the care of his father, Michael Bixby, a 22 year-old, active duty U.S. Marine. Mr. Bixby was questioned at the time of reporting the medical emergency, but he was released pending further investigation.

An autopsy was performed to identify the cause of death, and at the conclusion of the autopsy, the Medical Examiner's Office classified the case as a homicide. The autopsy determined that Andru Bixby died as a result of blunt force trauma.

This afternoon, at 12:15 p.m., San Diego Police Homicide detectives arrested Michael Bixby for the murder of his son.

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